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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014969/K**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Please provide the number of child sexual abuse (CSA) and child sexual exploitation (CSE) allegations/reports or cases that were referred to or assessed by any Independent Advisory Group (IAG) within your force for the purposes of advising on whether the case should proceed to charge and/or prosecution.*

*Please provide this information broken down by calendar year or financial year from 2000 to 2024 (or as far back as records permit).*

*If available, please also indicate:*

- 1. Whether the IAG advice was formally recorded in case files or meeting minutes.*
- 2. What proportion of CSA/CSE cases were referred to an IAG in each year.*
- 3. The role or remit of IAGs in influencing charging/prosecution decisions in such cases.*

*If no such referrals have ever taken place, or if your force does not involve IAGs in such decisions, please confirm this.*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by GMP. Independent Advisory Groups are not decision making bodies and do not exist to assess or authorise charging decisions. That responsibility is down

to the Police and Crown Prosecution Service based on evidential thresholds. As a result, IAGs have no role in the charging process.